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SUMMARY: OMAN GOVT FOR NOW IS STICKING BY ITS INNOCENT PASSAGE POSITION ON TRAFFIC THROUGH STRAITS. FONMIN INDICATES OMAN WILL HOLD TIGHT TO THIS UNLESS IT BECOMES CRYSTAL CLEAR OMANIS ALONE ARE ISOLATED IN THIS STANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ZAWAWI RAISED SUBJECT WITH AMBASSADOR MAY 4, SAYING HE HAD WELCOMED OUR RECENT EXCHANGES AND THAT OMANGOV HAS HELD SEVERAL IN-HOUSE DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT. POINTS EMBASSY HAD MADE WERE UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED. NONETHELESS HIS GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION FAVORING INNOCENT RATHER THAN FREE TRANSIT THROUGH STRAITS IN VIEW OF ITS CONCERNS ABOUT HORMUZ.

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2. ZAWAWI SAID OMAN UNCONVINCED ITS CONCERNS CAN BE PROPERLY PROTECTED EXCEPT THROUGH INNOCENT PASSAGE FORMULATION. IT IS INSTRUCTING ITS DELEGATION AT GENEVA TO STICK TO STANCE IT HAS TAKEN CONSISTENTLY AT CARACAS AND GENEVA. AT SAME TIME, ZAWAWI ADDED, OMANDEL WILL WELCOME CONTINUED GENEVA CONTACT WITH SOME MEMBERS OF USDEL RE POSSIBLY FAST-MOVING DEVELOPMENTS THIS MATTER AS LOS CONFERENCE MOVES ALONG.

3. IT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT ZAWAWI ADDED OMAN MIGHT BE PREPARED TO RECONSIDER IN THE EVENT IT BECAME CERTAIN THAT LOS MEMBERSHIP AS A WHOLE WAS AGREED ON FREE PASSAGE FORMULATION WITH APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS PROTECTING ADJACENT STRAITS STATES. THAT IS, IF OMAN ALONE WERE ISOLATED, IT MIGHT CHOOSE TO RECONSIDER. BUT GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO MAKE PREMATURE CONCESSIONS. HE REPEATED THAT WITH RESPECT TO FRIENDLY STATES SUCH AS U.S., OMAN IN PRACTICE WOULD INTERPRET INNOCENT PASSAGE AS IF IT WERE FREE PASSAGE, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE OMAN IN ANY CASE WOULD NOT POSSESS ABILITY TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS THAT INNOCENT PASSAGE ENTAILS. WOLLE

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